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## TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT **UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b)**

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.56, the documents listed on the attached Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the cited documents are enclosed.

The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed within three months of the filing date of the application or date of entry into the national stage of an international application or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever event occurs last.

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